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YASUKAWA

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SUMMARY: ALL TOKYO EVENING PAPERS JANUARY 8 REPORTED ON SECRETARY'S 40 MINUTE MEETING WITH AMB YASUKAWA MONDAY AFTERNOON. REPORTS BASED ON LATTER'S PRESS BRIEFING WHICH FOLLOWED. KYODO WIRE SERVICE ALSO REPORTED (REFTEL). END SUMMARY.

1. MOST EVENING PAPERS JANUARY 8 REPORTED SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH AMB YASUKAWA IN WASHINGTON MONDAY IN LOW KEY. STORIES GENERALLY EMPHASIZED DISCUSSION OF PRESIDENT'S PLANS TO SEND MESSAGE LATER THIS WEEK TO LEADERS OF 20 NATIONS, INCLUDING OIL PRODUCERS AS WELL AS CONSUMERS. PRESIDNETIAL MESSAGE EXPECTED TO OUTLINE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR ORGANIZATION ON ENERGY ACTION GROUP TO DEAL WITH ENERGY CRISIS.

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2. STATEMENT BY SECRETARY THAT HE SURPRISED HIS SAN CLEMENTE

PRESS CONFERENCE COMMENTS WERE TAKEN AS CRITICISM OF JAPAN WAS NOTED BUT NOT GENERALLY HIGHLIGHTED. EXCEPTION WAS TOKYO SHIMBUN, WHICH HAD EARLIER CARRIED MOST EXAGGERATED VERSION OF SECRETARY'S JANUARY 3 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ABOUT JAPAN. PAPER GAVE FORTN-PAGE TOP COVERAGE TO MONDAY MEETING AND FEATURED SECRETARY'S STATEMENT EXPRESSING SURPRISE THAT SAN CLEMENTE REMARKS TAKEN AS CRITICISM OF JAPAN AND ITS VIEW THAT THEY WERE NOT REPORTED IN FULL. PAPER REPORTED SECRETARY'S ASSURANCE THAT US NOT RPT NOT SEEKING TO INTEREFERE IN JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY, THAT US FULLY UNDERSTANDS SERIOUSNESS OF OIL CRISIS TO JAPAN, AND THAT US HAS NO RPT NO INTENTIONS OF RESTRICTING JAPAN'S PRO-ARAB POLICY. SECRETARY'S REQUEST TO AMB YASUKAWA THAT FREE NATIONS MAINTAIN UNITY ALSO NOTED. REPORT CONCLUDED WITH REFERENCES TO DISCUSSION PLANS FOR PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ON ENERGY CRISIS TO LEADERS OF OIL PRODUCERS AS WELL AS CONSUMER COUNTRIES, AND TO SECRETARY'S ASSURANCE THAT US DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO EXCLUDE JAPAN FROM PROPOSED DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES DESPITE OPPOSITION EXPRESSED BY EUROPEANS.

3. YOMIURI WAS ONLY PAPER TO INCLUDE AMB YASUKAWA STATEMENT THAT EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING BOTH REALIZATION OF PEACE TALKS AND OIL EMBARGO MEASURES, HAVE DEVELOPED LARGELY ALONG LINES FORECAST BY SECRETARY IN HIS MEETINGS WITH PRIMIN TANAKA AND FONMIN OHIRA IN NOVEMBER. YOMIRUI ALSO QUOTED AMB YASUKAWA STATEMENT THAT NONE OF CONSUMER NATIONS HAVE YET EXPRESSED OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ENERGY ACTION GROUP, THAT JAPAN SEES NEED TO ASCERTAIN FORM OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY GROUP AS WELL AS REACTIONS TO OIL PRODUCERS, AND THAT JAPAN WOULD DETERMINE OWN POSITION AFTER READING PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE.
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